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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mary L. Cottrell
Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, Second Floor
Boston, MA 2110

RE: D.T.E. 01-34, Investigation into Verizon Massachusetts' Provision of Special Access Services

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Please accept for filing in the above-referenced proceeding the original and one copy of the attached Petition for Leave to Intervene of Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3"). As required by the Notice of Investigation and Public Hearing issued March 14, 2001, an electronic copy of this filing has also been e-mailed to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and Joan.Evans@state.ma.us.

Kindly date stamp and return the enclosed extra copy of the Petition for our files. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tamar E. Finn
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cc: Michael Isenberg
Michael Romano

BEFORE THE

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Investigation by the Department of)
Telecommunications and Energy on)
its own motion pursuant to G.L. c. 159,) D.T.E. 01-34
§§ 12 and 16, into Verizon New England)
Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts')
Provision of Special Access Services)

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE
OF LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3"), pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, hereby petitions the Department for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. Level 3 is authorized to provide telecommunications services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (1) As a special access service customer of Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon"), Level 3 has a substantial and specific interest in the outcome of this proceeding, and in the improvement of Verizon's delivery of such services.

Since Level 3 began purchasing special access services from Verizon in Massachusetts, Level 3 has encountered many problems relating to the quality and timeliness of services and the responsiveness of Verizon when problems are identified. Level 3 believes that the experiences it has as a customer of Verizon will prove helpful in considering needed changes to the special access services Verizon provides. Among other things, Level 3 expects that it can provide information regarding delays in activating pre-ordered circuits and entrance facilities and insight into Verizon's efforts to remedy such delays. Based upon these specific experiences, Level 3 does not believe any other party can adequately represent its interests in this proceeding.

Accordingly, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, Level 3 petitions the Department for leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 28, 2001

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1 Level 3's Statement of Business Operations and Initial Tariff were filed with the Department on December 30, 1997.